

SOUL TRAIN: THE POWER OF LIVING ON GOD'S TRACK

Reading Railroad

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The key to Bible Study is asking good questions.

- I. Observation: What does it say?
- II. Interpretation: What does it mean?
- III. Correlation: What other passages might help explain it?
- IV. Application: What am I going to do about it?

Philippians 2:19-30 - I hope in the Lord Jesus to send **Timothy** to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. ²⁰ **I have no one else like him, who takes a genuine interest** in your welfare. ²¹ For everyone looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²² But you know that Timothy **has proved himself**, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. ²³ I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. ²⁴ And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon. ²⁵ But I think it is necessary to send back to you **Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker and fellow soldier**, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. ²⁶ For he **longs for all of you and is distressed** because you heard he was ill. ²⁷ Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸ Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. ²⁹ **Welcome him** in the Lord **with great joy**, and **honor men like him**, ³⁰ because he almost died for the work of Christ, **risking his life** to make up for the help you could not give me.

2 Timothy 3:16 - All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. . .

Romans 15:4 - For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

I. OBSERVATION: What does it _____ ?

- Paul wants to _____ two men to Philippi.

Philippians 2:19 - I hope in the Lord Jesus to send **Timothy** . . .

Philippians 2:25 - But I think it is necessary to send back to you **Epaphroditus** . . .

- Paul endorsed these guys as _____ models.

Philippians 2:20 - **I have no one else like him**...

Philippians 2:29 - **Welcome him** in the Lord **with great joy**, and **honor men like him**...

- What does it say about these men's character?

Philippians 2:20 - ... **takes a genuine interest** in your welfare.

Philippians 2:22 - ... **has proved himself**...

Philippians 2:25 - ... **Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker and fellow soldier**...

Philippians 2:26 - For he **longs for all of you and is distressed**...

Philippians 2:30 - because he almost died for the work of Christ, **risking his life**...

II. INTERPRETATION: What does it _____?

Philippians 2:21 - For **everyone looks out for his own interests**, not those of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 2:21 - ...they are all wrapped up in their own affairs... (Ph)

- A godly person is _____.

Philippians 2:22 - But you know that Timothy has **proved himself**, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel.

- A godly person is _____.

Philippians 2:25 - But I think it is necessary to send back to you **Epaphroditus**, my **brother**, **fellow worker** and **fellow soldier**...

- A godly person is _____.

Philippians 2:26 - For he **longs for all of you and is distressed** because you heard he was ill.

- A godly person is _____.

Philippians 2:27, 30 - Indeed he was ill, and almost died...³⁰ because he almost died for the work of Christ, **risking his life** to make up for the help you could not give me.

- A godly man is _____.

III. CORRELATION: What other passages might help explain it?

Timothy: 1 & 2 Timothy

Epaphroditus: Philippians 4:14-18

- What to use for this: CONCORDANCE

IV. APPLICATION: What am I going to do about it?

S.P.A.C.E.P.E.T.S.

SIN TO CONFESS?

PROMISE TO CLAIM?

ATTITUDE TO CHANGE?

COMMAND TO KEEP?

EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW?

PRAYER TO PRAY?

ERROR TO AVOID?

TRUTH TO BELIEVE?

SOMETHING TO THANK GOD FOR?